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THE NESBITT-STARNES-SCOTT-COHEN HOUSE

Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

820 Milledge Road.

Owner: Mrs. C. Henry Cohen who occupies house.

Date of Erection: Approximately 1810.

Architect - Builder:

Present Condition: Good. The following information on changes and alterations furnished by Jacob Lowrey, - "Under Nesbitt ownership in the 1850's the south wing was built by Goodrich, architect and builder, and the old part to north remodeled.

Number of Stories: Two story.

Materials of Construction: Brick foundations stuccoed in front. Wood construction above.

Other Existing Records: Article in Augusta Chronicle Feb. 21, 1915, The Old Sand Hills Seventy Years Ago, by Dr. J. C. Montgomery. Garden History of Georgia by Cooney.

Additional Data: According to Lucia Berrien Starnes Monroe, (Mrs. John F. Monroe) a descendant of Hugh Nesbitt, 712 Cobb Street, Athens, Georgia.

" This house was built by Hugh Nesbitt about 1810. At his death 1828 owned by his wife Eleanor O'Keefe Nesbitt to 1838. The property passed to their daughter Mary Anne Nesbitt Starnes in 1838 until 1874. Her sons, Hugh and Val Starnes owned from 1874 to 1910. The property was then sold to Col. T. K. Scott. "

Information furnished by Mr. Jacob Lowrey:

" The flooring of the second story of the old part is

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of wide pine boards, fastened with large rectangular wooden pegs. Two old mantels are in place on this floor, formerly the nursery, both simple but with delicate mouldings, one mantel being in its original condition but the other perhaps altered slightly. The most unusual feature of the old part is the back porch, which is said to be part of the 1810 structure. The ceiling is of the barrel type, with horizontal boards. An outside staircase cuts up through the ceiling."

Mrs. John F. Monroe writes, "Surely the back piazza and outer staircase -- or steps -- must have been part of the original, as they were in all antebellum houses of that type, for the servants to go up. I can distinctly remember Aunt Lizzie's - the Davies House - like that, and have pictures of it.

Mrs. Mildred A. Ridgely of Writer's Project states name "High Gate" was given by Mrs. C. Henry Cohen from the tall wrought iron gates she installed.

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